

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State of West Virginia

METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

1. The West Virginia DHHR Bureau for Medical Services (Medicaid Program) recognizes three types of transportation providers for the purposes of reimbursement. Those types are: Air ambulance; ground ambulance; and non-ambulance medical transport service. With the exception of air ambulance, which requires prior authorization, arrangements for transportation shall be made between recipients and the eligible transportation providers for covered medical services.
2. School Health Services - Specialty Transportation (Non-Emergency Medical Transportation) Services include transportation to or from necessary medical care, when a child's medical needs require use of specialized transportation services, including specially-equipped and/or specially-staffed vehicles. Services are furnished by providers who meet the qualifications established by the Medicaid agency and the Department of Education or the Local Education Agency (LEA).

Services must be ordered pursuant to an individualized Education Plan (IEP) as defined under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
3. Eligible recipients will seek the most economical means of transportation to their medical appointments. These arrangements will be made with an enrolled transportation provider of the recipients' choice.
4. Ambulances and non-ambulance medical transport services must be licensed to provide services in West Virginia by the appropriate state and or local licensing agency. Registered drivers must be licensed to operate a motor vehicle in West Virginia, must have CPR and Advanced First Aid certifications, and maintain applicable insurance.
5. Payment for transportation may only be made when transportation is not otherwise available to recipients. The following modes of transportation shall be allowable for recipients: ambulance, multi-passenger vans, common carrier services, and private vehicle transportation by volunteers. Air ambulance transportation will be used when known to be essential to a critical need of the recipient. Air ambulance transportation requires prior authorization. The transportation mode will be provided that will assure the most economical means appropriate to meet the recipients' medical needs.
6. Volunteers using their vehicles to provide transportation are reimbursed expenses through the county office. The reimbursement of expenses is calculated at the prevailing state employee travel rate per mile, plus a per meal reimbursement.

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